

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1B, 3, 7 and 8. These sheets, which include Figures 1B, 3, 7 and 8 replace original sheets including Figures 1B, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

The Examiner requested the following changes because the reference characters are not mentioned in the specification:

In Figure 1B, the reference character 26 has been deleted.

In Figure 3, the reference characters 124a, 125, 127, 137, 140, 142, 144 and 146 have been deleted.

Original Figure 6 has been deleted.

Figure 7 is now new Figure 6 and is the only figure remaining on that page.

Figure 8 is now new Figure 7 and is the only figure on that page.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-13 and 15-22 are pending in the captioned application. Claims 11 and 16-21 are rejected while the other claims are allowed. Applicants hereby cancel the rejected claims and reserve the right to prosecute these in one or more continuation applications.

The Examiner has objected to the Figures 1B and 3 because the reference character 26 in Figure 1B and the reference characters 124a, 125, 127, 137, 140, 142, 144 and 146 in Figure 3 are not mentioned in the specification. Applicants have removed these characters and provide herewith an annotated sheet and replacement sheet for Figures 1B and 3. Applicants have deleted Figure 6 and amended Figure 7 to be new Figure 6 and amended Figure 8 to be new Figure 7. Annotated sheets and replacement sheets are filed herewith. Applicants have amended the specification accordingly.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of claims 1, 3-10, 12-13, 15 and 22.

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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